Foreign aid for banned organisations

525. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banned organisations in sensitive areas of the country continue to receive foreign aid on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details of (i) the banned organisations found to be recipients of foreign aid; (ii) the estimated annual foreign aid received by these organisations; (iii) the source of their funding; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check their anti-India activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Government does not have any reports about organisations, declared as 'Unlawful association' under the Law, continuously receiving foreign aid on large scale. However, there have been reports, from time to time, of the flow of illegal funds to various secessionist and militant organizations including banned organizations through clandestine channels. The Government and the security agencies are continuously making efforts to contain such possibilities through sustained vigilance and operations against various secessionist and militant organisations in different parts of the country.

Jail reforms

526. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to revamp prison administration and bring Jail refomrs and also to replace Prison Act, 1894;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) 'Prisons' being State subject, it is primarly for the State Governments to run prison administration according to their rules, regulations and jail manuals. The Central Government, State Governments and various organisations are presently interacting on the possible content of a Bill to cover changes on various aspects of prison administration.

स्वीकृत एस टी डी/सार्वजनिक पब्लिक बूथों (पी सी ओ) की राज्य-वार संख्या

527. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में अब तक राज्य-वार कितने एस टी डी/सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन बूथ (पी सी ओ) स्वीकृत किये गये हैं;

(ख) इस एस टी डी/सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन बूथों से वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान कितना राजस्व अर्जित किया गया;

(ग) क्या उपर्युक्त मामलों में से कोई राजस्व चोरी के मामले भी सरकार के ध्यान में लाए गए हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा) (क) सूचना संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ख) से (घ): सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और प्राप्त होते ही सभा-पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

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